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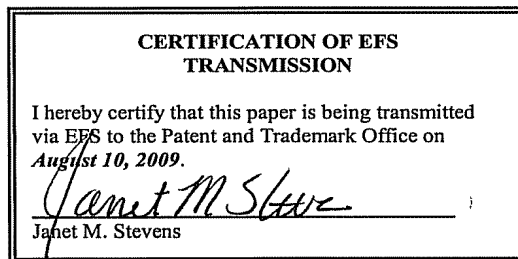
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REQUEST FOR CONFERENCE

1. Applicants request review of the final rejection in the above-identified application. No amendments are being filed with this request.
2. This request is being filed with a Notice of Appeal.
3. The review is requested for the reasons stated below.

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 5 and 9 are pending herein. Claim 1 is an independent method claim, and Claims 2 - 5 depend directly or indirectly from Claim 1. Claim 9 is an independent apparatus claim.

Claims 1 and 9 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) over Dechjaroen, "Performance Evaluation of Voice Over Internet Protocol", ("Dechjaroen") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,665,317 ("Scott '317") and further in view of Rix et al., "Non-intrusive monitoring of speech quality in voice over IP networks" ("Rix").

Claim 1 recites a method of assessing speech quality transmitted via a packet based telecommunications network, the method comprising storing a sequence of intercepted